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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 4, 1888. 369

NOTICE.

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of \$2 per SHARE has been declared, being the interest on Capital to 31st December, 1887, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum (making the total interest on Capital for 1887 14%).
SHAREHOLDERS may be had on application at the above Office on and after MONDAY, the 29th Instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, Hongkong, October 27, 1888. 1812

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 3, PRINCE STREET, at the same prices as at the REFINERY; or Retail Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applicants forwarding their Monthly Requirements in writing direct to the Refinery, East Point.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, July 27, 1888. 1128

Business Notices.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Be to announce that they have just received their NEW STOCK of CARPETS AND FURNISHING GOODS IN THIS SEASON'S DESIGNS, comprising—

VICTORIAN AXMINSTER PARQUET CARPETS of Indian and Persian Designs, woven in one piece, without Seam. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. invite special attention to the above on account of their exquisite designs and colorings, excellent quality and moderate price. A few of the Combinations of Colorings are enumerated below:—

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A splendid Selection of Patterns in WOOL, SILK AND WOOL, and SILK TAPESTRIES for CURTAINS and COVERING FURNITURE, Double width, from \$1.00 per yard.

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CRITONNES.—A splendid range of patterns from 25 cents per yard. 'ALL WOOL REPS & DAMASKS,' in every coloring.

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Chenille Curtains with Borders and Dadoes.

These are woven in the CURTAIN with BORDER and DADO TO MATCH, most artistic in effect, require no lining or trimming.

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A COMPLETE STOCK OF EVERY DESCRIPTION OF HOUSEHOLD DRAPERY:—Linen, Cotton and Twilled Sheetings in all widths. White and Coloured. Counterpanes every size. Toilet Covers with Fancy Sets for the Toilet Table to match. White and Coloured. Dining Cloths and Cambrics, Table Linen and Napkins. Checked Dusters and Glass Cloths. Doyles and Table Mats. Stair Linens and Crumb Cloths. Belgian and Fancy Ticks. Towels and Towelling.

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Austrian, California, Saxony, and Wilton Blankets in every size.
300 PAIRS TO SELECT FROM.
Eider Down QUILTS and PILLOWS in Turkey Chintz, Dolly-Varden Satin, and Satin Coverings.
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LANE, CRAWFORD & COMPANY have selected less than 100 Bedsteads in stock of various patterns to suit all purchasers: they have just received an Elegant ALL BRASS HALF CANTOPY BEDSTEAD and a very handsome ALL BRASS FOUR POSTER, which are not to be surpassed.

SPRING MATTRESSES.—SANITARY WOVEN WIRE and CHAIN SPRING MATTRESSES in every size to fit any Bedstead.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & COMPANY'S BEDDING is all manufactured by themselves and guaranteed pure, none but NEW and FIRST-CLASS MATERIALS being used. As there are several unscrupulous Tradesmen and Dealers, who, by using second-hand horse hair and stuffing, are able to offer worthless articles at comparatively low prices, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to intimate that in making Bedding they use none but NEW and FIRST-CLASS MATERIALS and guarantee the purity of their productions.

OLD MATTRESSES purified and re-made.

OUR NEW STOCK OF

FENDERS, FIRE IRONS, FIRE DOGS, ASH PANS, COAL VASES, FIRE SCREENS, NURSE RY GUARDS.

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A very Fine Selection of MARBLED MANTEL-Pieces, CURTAINS and THIRD HEARTHES.

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Every description of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Drawing Room, Dining Room, and Bed-room SUITES, American CHAIRS, and Bentwood FURNITURE.

Old FURNITURE recovered equal to new. ESTIMATES and Designs Free.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 27, 1888.

Intimations.

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STAG HOTEL.
NOTICE TO HOTEL KEEPERS.
CLUBS, &c.
FOR SALE:
TWO ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, MARKING-BOARDS, &c., Complete.
A Very Handsome Set of BAR FIXTURES, quite new, Built of Solid Teak-wood, handsomely-carved and moulded, inlaid with PLATE GLASS MIRRORS.
Also, Several other PLATE GLASS MIRRORS; One TEAKWOOD BAR COUNTER, with Four PULL PUMPS, PIPES, &c.
Two Handsome STREET LAMPS, with strong Fancy Metal BRACKETS, suitable for HOTELS or other PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
Also, HUNDREDS OF OTHER ARTICLES, suitable for HOTEL PURPOSES. Delivery on or after 1st DECEMBER, 1888.
The HOTEL is CLOSING, on account of the PROPERTY having been SOLD.
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Hongkong, September 10, 1888. 1611

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JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts, £20 per Case of 1 doz. Pils, £21 " " 2 " Dubos Reims & Co. & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS AND WHITE WINES.

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Hongkong, July 18, 1888. 1187

FOR SALE.

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6th November, 1888. 1869

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With Possession from 1st December, SIX-ROOMED HOUSE on CAINE Road.
Apply to 'M. S.' c/o China Mail Office, Hongkong, October 31, 1888. 1835

TO LET.
(Immediate Possession.)
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Apply to BELLIOS & Co. Hongkong, November 3, 1888. 1850

TO LET.
ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS.'
Apply to DAVID SASSOON, -ONS & Co. Hongkong, July 12, 1888. 504

Business Notices.

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

1888 AUTUMN AND WINTER SEASONS 1888.

LATEST NOVELTIES.

EX ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN MAILS.

NOW SHOWING IN

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENTS.
NEW AUTUMN AND WINTER DRESS MATERIALS with TRIMMINGS, EVENING SILKS, SATINS, and PLUSHES, PARIS JERSEYS, MILLINERY, MANTLES, & ULSTERS, SILK CASHMERE, and LISLE THREAD HOSIERY, JAPANESE SILK EMBROIDERY GOODS, SUITABLE for HOME PRESENTS, CHILDREN'S ready-made DRESSES, JACKETS, and ULSTERS, CHILDREN'S STRAW, FELT, and TAM O' SHANTER HATS, INFANTS' FROCKS, HATS, HOODS, &c., &c.

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Just Landed CHRISTY'S FELT HATS in all the fashionable Shapes and Colours including BLACK, BROWN, DARK DRAB, TABAC, and SLATE. Also CHRISTY'S SINGLE TERRA HATS in DRAB, SLATE, and FAWN. SICK UMBRELLAS, MERINO UNDERSHIRTS, and PANTS, CASHMERE, MERINO and LISLE THREAD SOCKS, FANCY STRIPED CASHMERE ROWING JERSEYS, TENNIS SHIRTS, BATHING DRAWERS, BELTS, B'ASERS, &c., &c. A very choice assortment of TWEEDS, SERGES, DIAGONAL COATINGS, OVERCOATINGS, ULSTER CLOTHS, SCOTCH TWEEDS, FLANNELS, &c., Suitable for SACS SUITS, MORNING SUITS, DRESS SUITS, CRICKETING SUITS, CHESTERFIELD OVERCOATS, ULSTER COATS, COVERT COATS, &c., &c.

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Hongkong, November 3, 1888. 1861

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New Kid Gloves.

LADIES' 6-BUTTON ALL COLOURS.
LADIES' 6-BUTTON CHEVRETTES.
CHILDREN'S CHEVRETTES KID GLOVES.
LADIES' SUEDER GLOVES, 8-BUTTON and 15-BUTTON.
GENTLEMEN'S WHITE and LAVENDER KID GLOVES.
W. POWELL & Co. 1863

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, November 7, 1888.

NEW GOODS.

TRILL SILK HATS.
DRAPEL HATS.
BLACK, BROWN, DRAB and FAWN.
GARY HARD FELT HATS.
TERRA and other SOFT FELTS.
TWEED HATS and CAIRS in new shapes.
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SILK UNDERWEAR, from \$5, over 10 to choose from.
WALKING STRICKS, a very large assortment.
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TWEEDS, in a great variety of Stripes, Checks, &c.
CRICKETING FLANNELS, in Checks, Stripes & Plain.
FRENCH PRINTED SHIRTINGS.
Unshrinkable FLANNEL.
WINTER, Medium and Summer UNDER VESTS and PANTS.
READY-MADE ULSTERS IN STOCK.
Solid LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS.
OVERLAND TRUNKS, GLASS-STONE BAGS, and a variety of TRAVELLING CASES, all sizes.
SILK & HOSE, Black, Navy and other Colours.
Lamb's Wool, Merino and Lisle Thread & HOSE.
White Dress SHIRTS.
Lacing & E. S. Boots and SHOES.
SHOOTING BOOTS, RUBBER BOOTS.
Patent Leather Boots and SHOES.
DANCING PUMPS, all sizes.
Large Stock of SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, BRACES.

ROBT. LANG & Co.

Hongkong, February 21, 1888. 285

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL. The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and Smoking Rooms. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1888. 1612

NOTICE.

BON MARCHÉ,

NEXT DOOR TO 'STAG HOTEL.'

SELLING OFF (ON ACCOUNT OF CLOSING), A LARGE STOCK OF

FANCY GOODS, AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Hongkong, October 18, 1888. 1758

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship Lennox, J. THORP, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on the 8th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1888. 1853

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Verona.

will leave for the above places on SUNDAY, 11th November, at Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, October 31, 1888. 1837

Shipping.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship Cygnus will be despatched about the 8th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1888. 1852

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship Ironclad, Commandant BRETEL, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 5th Instant.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, November 9, 1888. 1870

Shipping.

Steamers.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FLORENCE & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY, Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEGHORN), and GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN Ports, up to CALLAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

The Co.'s Steamship Bormida, Capt. DE NOVI, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 8th Instant, at Noon. At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in PARSY'S DOCK.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 5, 1888. 1861

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI AND TRIESTE. (Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship Elektra, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 10th November, at Noon.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the AGENT of the Company, Praya Central.

O. BACHRAH, Agent.

Hongkong, October 30, 1888. 1826

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR HAYRE AND LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship Palamede, Capt. JACKSON, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 11th November.

Passengers for Europe desiring to proceed OVERLAND, can, on application to the Under-signed, have their Tickets endorsed for surrender at Algiers in exchange for Coupon Tickets to MARSEILLE (by Transatlantic Company's express boats), and thence to PARIS or LONDON. Algiers is 23 hours steam from Marseilles, and thence to London occupies about the same time.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, October 30, 1888. 1830

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHANG, TIENTSIN, SHANGHAI and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Palamede, Capt. JACKSON, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, November 6, 1888. 1867

STEAM TO STRAITS, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Kaikar, will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, 22nd November, at Noon.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, November 6, 1888. 1862

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Zulus, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, November 6, 1888. 1863

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.L.L. American Ship, Leading Wind, Huxley, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, October 18, 1888. 1

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not as a rule manage well the work that is supposed to lie directly within its own sphere, it is not likely that it will do well work about which it is in absolute ignorance. What the merchants and shipping agents in Hongkong ask is not more interference, but that the Government do well the little it has undertaken to do. This much, they grievously complain, they cannot obtain. Two very important, although seemingly trivial, matters affecting the shipping trade of the Colony are seriously mismanaged by the Government. The first is the signalling of vessels approaching the harbour. The system in Hongkong is unsatisfactory in many ways and most incomplete. Calcutta, Shanghai and many of the towns in the Far East, whose shipping trade is much less than Hongkong, afford facilities in this respect that are not given here. When

a merchant vessel is seen approaching the harbour the flag of the Hong Kong Company is hoisted on the yards of the flag-staff at the Peak. Were all the officers facing the Peak and at no great distance from it, this might be sufficient to let a merchant know that his vessel was not far off, although very often the wind is blowing in such a direction as to make it very difficult, even for one in full view of the Peak, to detect the flags that are floating at the yards. In a dull day, with the least mist hanging about the hills, this difficulty is of course increased ten-fold. But all the officers are facing, not to, but away from, the Peak, and they are spread from East to West at great distances. It may be easily imagined then that the Peak signals are of a great extent useless. Many a merchant has had to send a launch to hover about the entrance of the harbour for a whole afternoon in expectation of a steamer that did not appear, and very often it happens that a vessel comes

steaming into the harbour before the merchant or agent is aware and has had time to arrange or to give instructions as to anchorage, whereby great inconvenience and loss of time to the steamer is caused. Now, or, great remedy for this is very simple and no means costly. From the Peak the signal ought to be communication through the Harbour Office or direct, with one or two stations at Kowloon, where flags corresponding to those at the Peak station should be hoisted. Most of the merchant shipping offices front Kowloon, and when the Peak signal be invisible, flags at Kowloon or some other central spot might be seen. In China, we believe printed forms with the necessary information are sent round to the exchanges and clubs. Perhaps we cannot yet expect to get so much consideration for shipping interests in Hongkong, but real improvement ought to be made in the existing most imperfect system of signalling. At present even the printed regulations are not confined to, 'the compass bearing at the yard-arm and distance off the mast head' never being given when an ordinary steamer is sighted.

The second cause of complaint we refer to is of even greater moment. It relates to a matter which in some form or other has often been brought before the public notice

We allude to the control of the buoys in the harbour and the lighting of them. The present the system is most unsatisfactory. The larger shipping houses have buoys on their steamers, dotted irregularly over the harbour with little regard to channels or the positions obtained being often a matter of favour. Difficulties, also, often arise between the merchants and the Harbour office as regards the mooring of the buoys and, there being no principle laid down, the former often find themselves rather awkwardly at the mercy of the latter. The system of lighting the buoys under the present circumstances can well be tried, which it is very difficult, with the existing regulations.

larities, to preserve clear channels. believe the shipping merchants in Hong kong are pretty unanimously of opinion that a thorough change must be made that the change must be on the line Government acquisition of the buoys. harbour belongs to the Colony, and Government, as the custodian, has a per right to let out to the highest bidders charcoe stations in it. Were the Gov

ment thus to acquire the buoys, they could establish some regularity in the system of anchorage which would leave clear channels for vessels to come in. At present scarcely any steamers will venture in at night owing to the great uncertainty as to the arrangement of the vessels in the harbor. The native craft might also be more roughly locked after and kept out of the channels were regularly and order to prevail. But perhaps the greatest benefit would accrue from the lighting of the buoys which could be easily effected were they under the supervision of the Government. A suggestion was once made, we believe, to sink the buoys with landmines at the

to that the boys with lanterns plant, we hear on the best authority that this pedient has been tried and failed, and we see that nothing short of fighting the boys with lamps will do. We do not see that it needs be any more fear of the lamps be stolen, if properly fixed, than there is of lamps in town being stolen, as the W. Police are supposed to patrol the harbor and the land Police patrol the town. We passing through Hongkong have long for light dues in excess of what was actually expended in lights, and merchants have right to demand that some consideration be given to their wants, more especially as the provision would cost little to the Government and might in one case be made a source of revenue.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurance as follows:—
Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HONGKONG, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 19, 1888. 1750

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.**

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

Intimations.

**THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

CENTRAL EXCHANGE 13, PRAYA CENTRAL.

THE above Company's EXCHANGE is
NOW OPEN for Telephonic Com-
munication.

Rate of Subscription is \$80 per Annum,
payable quarterly in advance. Electrical
Material of all descriptions kept in stock
for sale.

ELECTRIC BELLS a specialty.
Houses fitted up and kept in order at
most Moderate Prices.

TELEPHONE MATERIAL supplied on
Sale or Hire.

AGENTS for ELECTRIC LIGHTING,
both ARC and INCANDESCENT.

Estimates furnished free.

H. F. HAYLAR,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, September 26, 1888. 1610

NOTICE.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 1468

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.**

OLD or BROKEN NOTES will be
EXCHANGED for NEW ONES on ap-
plication at the Office of the Corporation.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 30, 1888. 1445

**RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN
FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.**

This Article, which has been reprinted
from the *China Review*, contains one of the
best Sketches of Formosa Life yet written.
A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are
included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, 5s.—at Messrs. LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co.'s, and Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH, Limited, Hongkong; also, Mr. N.
MOORE, Amoy.

Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 363

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

**STREAM-LAUNCH
MORNING STAR**

Runs DAILY as a Ferry Boat between
Poddar's Wharf and Tsim-Tsu-Tui at the
following hours.—This Time Table will be
taken effect from the 1st June, 1888.

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